

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-33 were previously pending in the present application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 17-25 have been rejected. Claims 10-16 and 26-33 have been previously withdrawn. By way of the above amendment, Claims 1- 9 and 17 have been amended.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Within the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 17-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

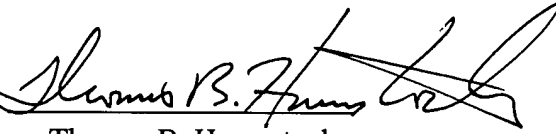
Within the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 17-25 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as having breadth not adequately supported by the specification.

In both rejections, as stated above, the term “system” is considered to be objectionable. By way of the above amendment, Claims 1-9 and 17 have been amended to recite a “composite material” instead of a “system.” The phrase “composite material” is clearly supported within the Specification of the present Application. [Specification; page 4, lines 5-10] Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of Claims 1-9 and 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, be withdrawn.

No new subject matter has been added by way of this amendment. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-9 and 17-25 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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